

Claims:

1. A water soluble container containing a concentrate composition comprising:
 - (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
 - 5 (b) at least one non-ionic surfactant;
 - (c) at least one organic solvent having a solubility in water of at least 4%wt.;
 - (d) optionally, at least one alkanolamine;
 - (e) optionally, at least one polyethylene glycol; and
 - (f) optionally, up to about 10% wt. of one or more conventional additives selected
- 10 from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, other surfactants, other antimicrobial/germicidal agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents;
- 15 wherein said concentrate composition contains no more than 20%wt. water.
2. The container according to claim 1 which comprises a thermoformed or injection molded water soluble polymer.
- 20 3. The container according to claim 2 wherein the water soluble polymer is poly(vinyl alcohol).
4. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition necessarily comprises (d) at least one alkanolamine.
- 25 5. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition necessarily comprises (e) at least one polyethylene glycol.
6. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition necessarily comprises both (d) at least one alkanolamine and (e) at least one polyethylene glycol.

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7. The container according to claim 1 wherein the amount of (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 20 percent by weight.
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8. The container according to claim 1 wherein (b) at least one non-ionic surfactant is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 40 percent by weight.
9. The container according to claim 1 (c) at least one organic solvent is present in an 10 amount of from about 5 to about 97 percent by weight.
10. The container according to claim 4 wherein the (d) at least one alkanolamine is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 15 percent by weight.
- 15 11. The container according to claim 6 wherein the (d) at least one alkanolamine is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 15 percent by weight.
12. The container according to claim 5 wherein the (e) at least one polyethylene glycol is present in an amount of from about 2 to about 75 percent by weight.
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13. The container according to claim 6 wherein the (e) at least one polyethylene glycol is present in an amount of from about 2 to about 75 percent by weight.
14. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition contains 25 no more than 15%wt. water.
15. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition contains no more than 3%wt. water.
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16. The container according to claim 1 wherein the concentrate composition contains no more than 1%wt. water.

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17. The water-soluble containers of the present invention substantially as described with reference to the Examples.

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18. A method of preparing a dilute treatment composition comprising placing a water soluble container containing a composition comprising:

- (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
- (b) at least one non-ionic surfactant;
- (c) at least one organic solvent having a solubility in water of at least 4%wt.;
- (d) optionally, at least one alkanolamine;
- (e) optionally, at least one polyethylene glycol; and
- (f) optionally, up to about 10% wt. of one or more conventional additives selected

10 (c) at least one organic solvent having a solubility in water of at least 4%wt.;

(d) optionally, at least one alkanolamine;

(e) optionally, at least one polyethylene glycol; and

(f) optionally, up to about 10% wt. of one or more conventional additives selected coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents,

15 other surfactants, other antimicrobial/germicidal agents, pH adjusting agents and pH

buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents;

wherein said concentrate composition contains no more than 20%wt. water into

20 an amount of water within a container, and allowing the container to dissolve.

19. A process for treating a hard surface wherein the presence of undesired microorganisms e.g, gram positive type pathogenic bacteria such as *Staphylococcus aureus*, and/or gram negative type pathogenic bacteria such as *Salmonella choleraesuis* and/or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, are suspected, comprising the process steps of: placing a water soluble container containing a concentrate composition comprising:

- (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
- (b) at least one non-ionic surfactant;
- (c) at least one organic solvent having a solubility in water of at least 4%wt.;
- (d) optionally, at least one alkanolamine;
- (e) optionally, at least one polyethylene glycol; and

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(f) optionally, up to about 10% wt. of one or more conventional additives selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, other surfactants, other antimicrobial/germicidal agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, 5 hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents;

wherein said concentrate composition contains no more than 20%wt. water into a quantity of water;

allowing the water soluble container to dissolve in the water to form a diluted 10 treatment composition;

and applying an effective amount of the diluted treatment composition to the surface in need of treatment in order to provide sanitizing or disinfecting effect thereto.

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